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SUBJECT: GENEVA GROUP ACTION ON FAO BIENNIAL BUDGET LEVEL FOR
1978-79

STATE 284171

1. AFTER EXTENDED DISCUSSION NOVEMBER 19, GENEVA GROUP
IN ROME REACHED FOLLOWING DECISIONS:

A. AGREE THAT FAO DIRECTOR-GENERAL NEED NOT PRESENT
INDICATIVE BUDGET FIGURE FOR 1978-1979 TO FAO COUNCIL
MEETING NOVEMBER 29, PROVIDED THAT HE EXPLAINS HIS
REASONS FOR NOT PRESENTING IT AT THIS EARLY TIME AND
STATES HIS INTENTION NOT TO PREPARE ANY SUBSTANTIAL
REAL INCREASES. AUSTRALIA AND SWEDEN DID NOT HAVE
INSTRUCTIONS ON THIS POINT, BUT DID NOT DEMUR, AND THE
OTHERS FULLY AGREED. GENEVA GROUP WILL DEVELOP CONTINU-
ING DIALOGUE WITH DIRECTOR-GENERAL OR HIS DESIGNATED
REPRESENTATIVE ON DEVELOPMENT OF BUDGET AT BEGINNING OF
1977.

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B. AGREE TO GIVE THE FAO DIRECTOR-GENERAL THE TEXT OF THE GENEVA GROUP (GENEVA) PAPER OF NOVEMBER 5 (UN EXPENDITURE) AS THE VIEW OF MANY GOVERNMENTS ON UN SPECIALIZED AGENCIES' BUDGETS. IT WAS THE CONSENSUS OF THE GROUP THAT THE DOCUMENT IS NOT DIRECTLY APPLICABLE TO FAO, IN LIGHT OF THE PREVIOUS DECISION "A" ABOVE AS TO HANDLING THE FAO BUDGET, BUT THAT THE GROUP WOULD BE REMISS IF IT DID NOT INFORM THE FAO DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF THE GOVERNMENT'S VIEWS ON THE BUDGET ISSUES. THE NETHERLANDS REPRESENTATIVE IN PARTICULAR CONCURRED IN THIS, PROVIDED THAT THE DOCUMENT WAS NOT PRESENTED AS REPRESENTING THE VIEWS OF ALL GENEVA GROUP GOVERNMENTS.

2. U.S. REPRESENTATIVE ALSO RAISED SUGGESTION OF MONITORING OF TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROGRAM, AND NEW ZEALAND AND OTHERS INDICATED AGREEMENT, BUT POINTED OUT THIS PERTAINS TO PRESENT BUDGET AND MUST BE TREATED SEPARATELY FROM THE 1978-1979 BUDGET. BEAUDRY

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